



**ROSÉ VEAL – OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY SPECIFICATION**

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**PURPOSE**

The Australian Meat Industry Language and Standards Committee (AMILSC) has been requested to consider the introduction of a new Optional Supplementary Specification – ROSÉ VEAL \*RV\*.

The Carcase Specification and Livestock Production minimum standards for Rose Veal are detailed below.

**CARCASE SPECIFICATION**

1. Rose Veal - \*RV\*

Number of days on feed	150 minimum from birth
Age of animal (dentition)	0 permanent incisors (milk teeth only)
	Maximum age: 240 days
	Minimum age: 150 days
Sex	Female or castrate or entire male Males show no Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC's)
Veal Meat Colour	VC 1-3*
Fat Colour	FC: 0-2*
Weight	Minimum live weight of 45kg at 14 days of age Minimum 100kg HSCW Maximum 200kg HSCW

\*NOTE: must be assessed by current Chiller Assessor

**LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION**

1. Feeding Requirements

The calves must have been fed in an **Accredited Rose Veal Feeding Facility** for not less than 150 days, and for not less than:

- a) 42 days of that on a zero fibre Calf Milk Replacer containing a crude protein (CP) content of not less than 22% and a fat content of not less than 18% on a dry matter (DM) basis; including 28 days of that on a Pre-Weaning ration containing a metabolisable energy (ME) content not less than 12.5 mega joules (MJ) and a crude protein (CP) content of not less than 16% per kilogram of dry matter; and
- b) 108 days of that on a post weaning ration containing a metabolisable energy (ME) content not less than 12.0 mega joules (MJ) and a crude protein (CP) content of not less than 14% per kilogram of dry matter.

## 2. Blood Testing

Calves must be blood tested (with records kept and verified) for effective Colostrum management. The target minimum total serum protein is greater than 5.0g/dL in normally hydrated calves. Using the Brix refractometer, the target minimum is a measurement of at least 8%.

To be eligible for an \*RV\* cypher/grading the blood testing must form part of the overall feeding/management regime, and be documented for all calves in accordance with the production systems below:

- (i) **Where calves are sourced from external suppliers**, all calves must be sampled and at least 90% of the calves in a given receival group must exceed the total serum protein target minimum for the receival group to be eligible for the \*RV\* cypher.

**For Integrated Rearing and Finishing Systems**, the sample frequency must be no less than 25%. Where any sample falls below the threshold, the sampling regime must increase to 50% (every 2nd calf). Where the threshold is subsequently met for 25 consecutive samples the sample frequency can revert to one in every four calves

## 3. General Husbandry Regime

- a) Calves must be derived direct from farm, and must be accompanied by the individual calf colostrum management verification.
- b) Calves must be consigned direct to the abattoir for ante mortem inspection and be slaughtered within 15 hours of dispatch.
- c) Calves must have no access to, or be fed pasture during the pre-weaning stage. Access to pasture is permitted in the post-wean stage via the free access area of the feeding facility, providing dietary and energy specifications are met.
- d) Calves must be housed within a feeding facility that meets the minimum requirements as follows:
  - (i) Pre-Wean Stage: at least 3.5 m<sup>2</sup> per calf.
  - (ii) Post -Wean Stage: at least 6.0 m<sup>2</sup> per calf with not less than 4.0 m<sup>2</sup> internal and not less than 2.0 m<sup>2</sup> per calf free external access during the post-weaning phase.
- e) No Hormonal Growth Promotant's (HGP) are permitted
- f) No Fed antibiotics are permitted.

## **ROSE VEAL ACCREDITATION SCHEME**

Only Calves from an AUS-MEAT Accredited Rose Veal Feeding Facility are eligible for the description Rose Veal (\*RV\*) for both Export and Domestic markets. All Rose Veal Calves must be described on a Rose Veal delivery docket.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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